

SENATE BILL 3872

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11,
Chapter 14, Part 1, relative to State Natural Areas.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-108(b)(2)(E), regarding Carroll Cabin Barrens is amended by deleting “two hundred (200)” and substituting instead, “two hundred fifty (250)”.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-108(b)(1)(H), regarding Frozen Head is amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting instead the following: An area of approximately eight thousand six hundred twenty (8,620) acres lying within the twenty-two thousand eight hundred (22,800) acre Frozen Head State Park. The area contains undisturbed forest land of unique configuration and is located in the southeast portion of Morgan County. The State Park is comprised of both units of the class I area, the class II area, three hundred thirty (330) acres located along North Prong Flat Fork Creek and Judge Branch, seven thousand three hundred twenty (7,320) acres known as the Emory tract and below one thousand six hundred feet (1,600) elevation above mean sea level, and one (1) acre on the summit of Frozen Head Mountain;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-108(b)(2)(P), regarding Frozen Head is amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

FROZEN HEAD STATE NATURAL AREA. An area of approximately six thousand five hundred thirty (6,530) acres within the twenty-two thousand eight hundred (22,800) acre Frozen Head State Park located in Morgan County and within the Cumberland Plateau Physiographic Province. The entire area possesses deep hollows and valleys that represent numerous forest types with mixed mesophytic forest being the most prevalent.

It contains significant mature forests and rare plants and is one of the least disturbed areas within the Cumberland Mountains.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-108(b)(2), is further amended by adding the following appropriately designated subdivision, keeping all of the subdivisions in alphabetical order:

HILL FOREST. An area of approximately two hundred twenty-five (225) acres in Davidson County protecting a western mesophytic forest community with “old growth” characteristics located in Metropolitan Nashville. The forest has a high diversity of exceptionally large diameter tree species including oaks, hickories, and tulip poplar and is an exemplary remnant forest within an urban setting.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.